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SUBJECT: GSDR MEDIA PUBLICIZES US DROUGHT AID TO SOMALIA

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1. ARRIVAL OF US SHIP IN MOGADISCIO DEC. 25 WITH
GIFT OF 1,500 TONS BISCUITS FOR DROUGHT EMERGENCY
RELIEF HAS RECEIVED SOME OFFICIAL PUBLICITY. A RADIO
MOGADISCIO NEWS ITEM ON DEC. 26 REPORTED US SHIP'S ARRIVAL WITH

CARGO OF BISCUITS FOR SOMALI DROUGHT RELIEF.

2. A SIMILAR NEWS ITEM ALSO APPEARED AS LEAD ARTICLE
IN OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SONNA BULLETIN DEC. 28
DATELINED PREVIOUS DAY:

QUOTE

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY CONTRIBUTED 1,505 TONS OF
BISCUITS TO DROUGHT VICTIMS OF SOMALIA.

THE GIFT WAS ON BOARD A US SHIP WHICH ANCHORED HERE
YESTERDAY.

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PRESENT AT MOGADISCIO PORT TO WITNESS THE UNLOADING OF THE

FOODSTUFFS WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR FAMINE RELIEF, JAALLE

AHMED JAMA ABDLLE AND THE US AMBASSADOR HERE, H.E. ROGER KIRK.
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3. THE ABOVE INFORMATION ALSO APPEARED AS LEADING PART
OF NEWS STORY IN SOMALI-LANGUAGE DAILY OCTOBER
STAR OF OCT. 28, WHICH ALSO DESCRIBED WEST EUROPEAN ASSISTANCE.

4. THERE IS WIDESPREAD FAVORABLE COMMENT THROUGHTOUT TOWN ABOUT
US FLAG SHIP IN HARBOR, FIRST IN SEVERAL YEARS, AND US
HELPPFULNESS IN DROUGHT EMERGENCY.
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